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STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,	
Petitioner,)
VS	No. T06-0107
NILWOOD TOWNSHIP,	
Respondent.	RECEIVED
Petition for an Order Authorizing Closure of a Grade Crossing	JAN 11 2007
(DOT 294 37D) at the Intersection of Petitioner's Tracks and TR 105) Illinois Commerce Commission) RAIL SAFETY SECTION
also known as North 29th Avenue or Greenridge Road.)

RESPONSE

Now comes NILWOOD TOWNSHIP, Respondent, by BRENT A. CAIN,
Assistant State's Attorney for Macoupin County, Illinois, and for
its response to the Petition filed herein states as follows:

- 1. Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 1. of the Petition.
- 2. Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 2. of the Petition.
- 3. Respondent admits Petitioner owns and operates certain tract line but has insufficient information regarding its average trains and speed as contained in paragraph 3. of the Petition.
- 4. Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 4. of the Petition.

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- 5. Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 5. of the Petition.
- 6. Respondent admits the allegations of paragraph 6. except that it denies that the vehicular count averages fewer than 25 cars per day by reason of the fact that an official count was done by Macoupin County for Illinois Department of Transportation in the year 2005 and the official count is 75 vehicles a day, per Exhibit "1" attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof, and further denies that few trucks use said road and in fact states that many trucks use the road, particularly during the farming season.
- 7. Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 7. of the Petition.
- 8. Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 8. of the Petition.
- 9. Respondent has insufficient information in which to either admit or deny the Petitioner's annual maintenance cost, further answering that the Petitioner has not spent any money over the last 10 years maintaining said crossing, admits that the responsibility for maintaining the approach lies with Nilwood Township and in further answering states that due to the aforesaid there is no financial hardship on Petitioner to keep said crossing open to the public.
- 10.(a) Respondent admits the allegations of paragraph 10., except to state that Old Route 4 is not maintained by Girard

Township but is maintained by Illinois Department of
Transportation. In addition, Respondent states that the Old
Route 4 crossing has an estimated daily traffic count of
approximately 100 vehicles per day, not 275 vehicles as alleged
by Petitioner.

- 10.(b) Respondent admits the allegations of paragraph 10.(b) other than to state that Morean Street, also known as Waggoner Road, is not maintained by Nilwood Township but is rather maintained by Illinois Department of Transportation.
- 11. Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 11. of the Petition.
- 12. Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 12. of the Petition.
- 13. Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 13. of the Petition.
- 14. Respondent denies the allegations contained in paragraph 14. of the Petition, and in further answering states that the public will be inconvenienced, particularly those in the agricultural business when farming operations are being conducted.
- 15. In further answering Respondent represents that this particular crossing was earmarked under the Crossing Safety

 Improvement Program under fiscal year 2001-2005 for an upgrade of lights, gates, surface and approaches for \$243,000.00 and same has yet to be accomplished, a copy of said Program Report being

attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof as Exhibit "2", and Respondent believes that Petitioner desires to close said crossing in order to avoid the expenditures noted herein.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Commission deny the Petition for Closure and for such other and further relief as is appropriate.

NILWOOD TOWNSHIP, Respondent

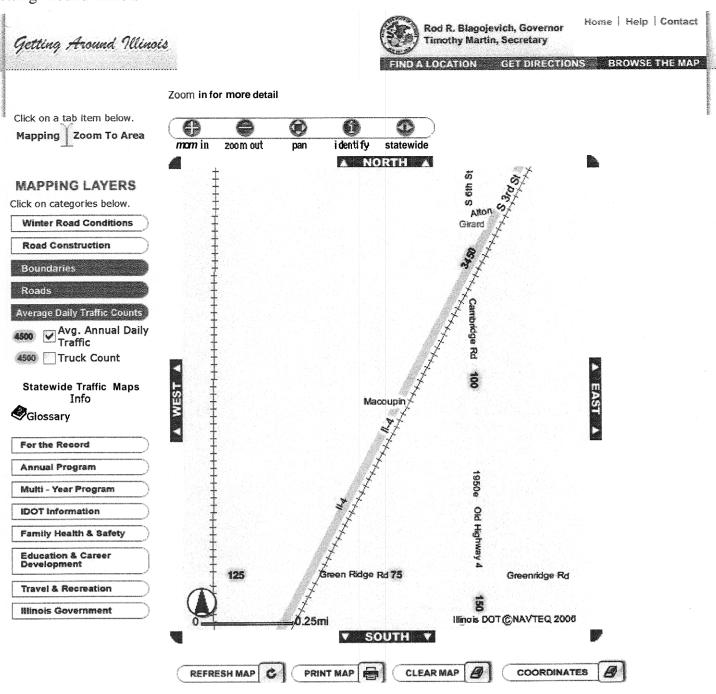
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CROSSING SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

FY 2001-2005

PROPOSED GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND PROJECTS FOR LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION APRIL, 2000

DOT#	RR	County	City	Location	Description of Improvement	Total Cost
2604650		Lake	Waukegan	Madison St.	Modification of Track Circuits	170,000
260466L		Lake	Waukegan	N. Water St.	Modification of Track Circuits	170,000
	UP	Livingston	Pontiac	Reynolds Street	Automatic Flashing Light	150,000
					Signals and Gates	,
004488G		Livingston	Streator	Livingston Road	Modification of Track Circuits	150,000
004500L		Livingston	Streator	TR35	Modification of Track Circuits	150,000
004502A		Livingston	Streator	FAS355	Modification of Track Circuits	150,000
294372D	UP	Macoupin	Girard	Greenridge Rd	AFLS/G, surface, approaches	243,000
	NS	Macoupin	Mount Olive	3rd North Street	Automatic Flashing Light	150,000
					Signals and Gates	.00,000
480075W	NS	Macoupin	Mount Olive	Main Street	Automatic Flashing Light	130,000
					Signals and Gates	.00,000
480076D	NS	Macoupin	Mount Olive	2nd South Street	Automatic Flashing Light	130,000
					Signals and Gates	100,000
480078S	NS	Macoupin	Mount Olive	Poplar Street	Automatic Flashing Light	150,000
					Signals and Gates	100,000
480079Y	NS	Macoupin	Mount Olive	8th South Street	Automatic Flashing Light	150,000
					Signals and Gates	150,000
480084V	NS	Macoupin	Mount Olive	TR457	Automatic Flashing Light	150,000
					Signals and Gates	150,000
480077K	NS	Macoupin	Mount Olive	3rd South Street	Close Crossing	5,000
072280C		Macoupin	Virden	FAS2731	Modification of Track Circuits	150,000
078524E		Macoupin	Virden	FAS731	Modification of Track Circuits	150,000
093700M		Macoupin	Virden	FAS2731	Modification of Track Circuits	
294530B		Madison	Godfrey	Montclair	Automatic Flashing Light	150,000
-01000		livia aloon	Councy	Worthclan	Signals and Gates	180,000
295310J	IC	Marion	Salem	Woodard School Road	Automatic Flashing Light	150,000
			Odiom	Woodald School Hoad		150,000
					Signals and Gates; Close Crossing	
294991K	IC	Marion	Centralia	Broadway		400.000
294993Y	IC	Marion	Centralia	Broadway S. Cherry	Modification of Track Circuits	100,000
295326F	IC	Marion	Junction City	301A	Modification of Track Circuits	100,000
309277F	IC	Marion	Centralia	Calumet	Modification of Track Circuits	100,000
072890K		McDonough	Macomb	Jackson	Modification of Track Circuits	100,000
072894M	D1401	McDonoagn	IVIACOLID	Jackson	Automatic Flashing Light	180,000
	RNSE	McDonough	Macamb	McArthur	Signals and Gates	400.000
	וטויום	MCDOHOUGH	IVIACOMD	MCARINUR	Automatic Flashing Light	180,000
	BNSF	McDonough	Macomb	TR200	Signals and Gates	450.000
	DIVOI	INCOGNOUGH	IVIACOTTID	1 R200	Automatic Flashing Light	150,000
	BNSF	McDonough	Tanasasas	TD140	Signals and Gates	450.000
	וכאום	MCDOHOUGH	Tennessee	TR118	Automatic Flashing Light	150,000
	UP	Mallanni	11		Signals and Gates	
	UF	McHenry	Harvard	Deep Cut Rd	Grade Separation:	879,000
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072296Y	BNSF	Montgomery	Litchfield	Tyler Avenue	Automatic Flashing Light	180,000
	LID	3.4			Signals and Gates	
	UP	Montgomery	Nokomis	Maple	Automatic Flashing Light	170,000
	110	Manta	Al-Ii		Signals and Gates	
542145H	UP	Montgomery	Nokomis	Spruce	Automatic Flashing Light	170,000
		3.5			Signals and Gates	
	UP	Montgomery	Nokomis	Vine	Automatic Flashing Light	170,000
					Signals and Gates	
542147W	UP	Montgomery	Nokomis	Cedar	Automatic Flashing Light	170,000
l					Signals and Gates	

PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing instrument was served upon the attorney of record by enclosing the same in an envelope addressed as follows:

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